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Boggs Sees Strength In Soviet Propaganda

By the Associated Press

Representative Boggs, Democrat of Louisiana, after a trip to a dozen underdeveloped countries, says that in many of them, including India, Russia is doing a fabulous propaganda job.

"We need to do a bigger propaganda job," he said.

Mr. Boggs headed a House Foreign Trade Policy Subcommittee to Tokyo for a tariff and trade meeting. He returned yesterday by the way of Hong Kong, Burma, India and the Middle East.

In India, he said, the Soviet bloc countries put out a flood of slick paper magazines to sell the Communist story and are portraying Soviet Premier Khrushchev as a man of peace.

On the other hand, Mr. Boggs said, the United States Information Service is handicapped by a lack of funds.

Can't Use Indian Cash

He said he was advised that in India the United States has \$130 million in idle counterpart funds but that the USIS is prevented from using any of this

money for propaganda and information purposes.

The blame for this, Mr. Boggs said, lies with Congress for restrictions on the use of these funds by the USIS.

Counterpart funds are local currencies deposited to the account of the United States in foreign countries as a result of United States aid operations there.

Br. Boggs told a news conference people in underdeveloped countries have an "almost savage desire for the creature comforts" and that "more and more they are convinced that the way to get them is through their own efforts and through the ways of the West."

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Many of these countries, he

said, are showing disenchantment with socialism as a solution to their development problem.

Mr. Boggs, sponsor of a bill to give certain tax incentives to United States capital invested in foreign development, said he is convinced such legislation is needed. But, he added, foreign countries also need to reduce or eliminate various restrictions on United States imports.

He said he agrees with the view that there will be a wave of protectionism in the United States unless countries which have been helped by United States foreign aid lift some of these restrictions.

He added he believes most of the countries are aware of this and are working to ease such discrimination.